

## **A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO PRAYER**

*40 Days of Prayer- Part 1*

*September 30, 2018*

**Luke 11: 1**

### **Foundational Truths About Prayer**

#### **1. GOD INVITES ME INTO PRAYER.**

*“The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.” Psalm 103: 13 (NLT)*

*“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.” I John 5: 14-15 (NIV)*

**Pillar: Prayer is a relationship not a ritual.**

#### **2. GOD LISTENS TO AN AUTHENTIC HEART.**

*“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Matthew 6: 5-8 (NIV)*

*“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...”  
Hebrews 10:22 (NIV)*

#### **3. GOD WANTS TO ANSWER MY PRAYER.**

*'Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.' Jeremiah 33:3 (Mess)*

*“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” Matthew 7:11 (NIV)*

**Pillar: Prayer is about cultivating a meaningful friendship with  
Jesus.**

*“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you” John 15: 15 (NIV)*